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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2001, be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from June 22, 2001 to and including September 22, 2001. September 22, 2001 falling on a Saturday, this Response is due September 24, 2001.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$890.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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